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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Joachim KLINK

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For: METHOD FOR PROVIDING AN  
EQUIVALENT CIRCUIT FOR  
TRANSMISSION DEVICES IN RING  
ARCHITECTURES THAT ROUTE MPLS  
PACKETS

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**RESPONSE TO NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

MS Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicant respectfully requests resubmission of the Second Preliminary Amendment as filed on February 11, 2004 in the above-captioned patent application. This response is filed again in accordance to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated April 15, 2004, thereby extending the deadline for response to May 15, 2004 (May 15, 2004 being a Saturday). Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested..

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.